

-Amendment to the Specification-

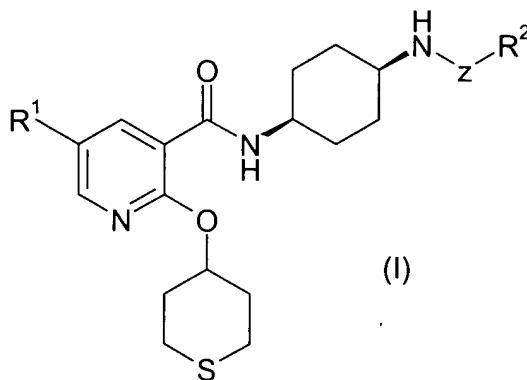
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-- This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/IB04/002367, filed July 13, 2004, and claims priority from United States Patent Application No. 10/896,068 filed July 20, 2004 which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/497,120 filed August 22, 2003.- --

Please amend the specification by adding the following Abstract after the last page of the claims. An Abstract on a separate page consecutively numbered with the last page of the claims is also enclosed herewith.

-- **ABSTRACT**

This invention relates to nicotinamide derivatives of general formula (I):



in which R¹, Z and R² have the meanings defined herein, and to processes for the preparation of, intermediates used in the preparation of, compositions containing and the uses of such derivatives. --